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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2434
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VIGILANCE AGAINST OFFICERS OF IT AND CUSTOMS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Income Tax officers and Customs officers have been arrested on charges of corruption;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to have a close watch on the officers of these departments and to launch a special drive to check corruption;and

(d) the success achieved by the Government as a result of steps taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of Officers/Officials of Income Tax, Customs and Central Excise arrested during last three years i.e. 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 (upto 28.2.2005)on corruption charges furnished by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) are at Annexure-A. It is, however, clarified that not all the persons against whom CBI registered cases are arrested during investigation.

(c) A list of officers of doubtful integrity has been prepared in this Department and a close watch is being maintained on the activities of all the officers included in the list. Further, the vigilance set-up has been revamped in recent years for making the vigilance machinery more effective in ensuring both preventive and punitive vigilance, posting such officers to non-sensitive posts, reducing the interface between the assessee and the officers, etc.

(d) The steps taken have created awareness about the vigilance mechanism. Further, the creation of an environment of preventive vigilance such as minimizing discretionary powers, systems improvement, inspections (both administrative and vigilance) and rationalization of tax administration has helped in tackling corruption effectively.

ANNEXURE-A

Year : 2002

Sl. No.	Case ID	Name & designation/deptt. of the officer arrested
1	RC.10/2002-DDN	1.Sh. Ram Singh, Sr. Tax Asstt., Income Tax Ward (2), Ghaziabad.
2	RC.27(A)/2002-ACB/BLR.	1.Sh. A.V. Ravi, Insector, Income Tax Deptt., O/o Dy. Director (Inv.)Unit-II, Bangalore.
3	RC03(A)/2002-VSP 30.01.2002	1.Sri V.Bhaskar Rao, Income Tax Officer, 2.Sri Y.Heera Singh, Inspector, 3.Sri Mungala Kondaiah, Tax Assistant, Ward-2, Nellore of Income Tax Department.
4	RC10(A)/2002-VSP	1.Sri J.P.Prasad Tiwari, Tax Assistant, Income Tax Department Visakhapatnam
5	RC33(A)/2002-VSP 21.10.20021.	1.Sri Visweswara Rao, Income Tax Officer, 2.Sri L.Pulla Rao, Inspector, 3 Sri Mohana Rao, Attender of O/o Income Tax Office, Tanuku, West Godawari Distt. Income Tax Department.
6	RC35(A)/2002-VSP	1.Sri M.Subramanyam, Income Tax Officer, Ward-II, Vizianagaram. Income Tax Department.
7	RC 11/A/2002-KER1.	Antony Kutty, Sr.Tax Assistant,Income Tax Office, Thrissur, Kerala

8	RC 19/A/2002-KER	M.N.Dikshit IRS, Commissioner ofIncome Tax (Appeals-V), Cochin, Kerala
9	RC.11/2002-JAI	1.Shri Ram Avtar Verma, Joint Commissioner of Income Tax, Range-II, Jaipur
10	RC.19/2002-JAI	1.Shri Nemi Chand, Constable, Central Excise, Rings, Distt. Sikar.
11	RC.8/2002-CHG	1.Shri Amresh Jain, Dy. Commissioner of Custom (CFS), Ludhiana
12	RC.9/2002-CHG	1.Sh. Arun Kumar Singal, Insptor, Custom Excise (Preventive, Chandigarh.
13	RC.30/2002-CHG	1.Sh. Prabhakar, Supdt. Central Excise, & Custom, Panipat (HR) 2.Sh. Pawan Kumar, Inspector, Central Excise, & Custom, Panipat (HR
14	RC.40/2002-CHG	1.Sh. G.R. Gera, ITO, Income Tax, Panchkula(HR) 2.Sh. J.P. Verma, Inspector, Income Tax, Panchkula(HR)
15	RC.43/2002-CHG	Sh. M.L. Dhussa, CIT (Appeal), Income Tax, Ludhiana.
16	RC.28/2002-ACB/DLI	1.Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Income Tax. 2.Sh. S.P. Gupta, Inspr. Income Tax.
17	RC.30/2002-ACB/DLI	1.Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Inspr. Central Excise, ITO, New Delhi
18	RC.53/2002-ACB/DLI	1.Sh. Jagat Singh, Dy.Office Supdt.,Custom & Central Excise.
19	RC.20/2001-BPL.	1.Shri V.S. Banthia, the then Commissioner Income Tax, Gwalior (M.P). Banthia, the then Commissior of Income Tax,Gwalior(M.P). (Arrested on 8/1/2002)
20	RC.8/2002-Goa	1.Sh. P. Subramani, IRS, Commissioner of Central Excise Bangalore. 2.Sh.Dharmendra Cautam, Inspector of Customs & Central Excise, Goa.
21	RC 10/2002-GDN.	Sh. D.K. Mishra, Dy. Commissioner of Income Tax, Ahmedabad.
22	RC 28/2002 -GDN	1. Sh. S.K. Dave 2. Sh. G.C Suther, both Inspr. of Income Tax, Ahmedabad.
23	RC 3(A)/2002-NPR.	1. Shri S.P.Puttewar, Sr.Tax Assistant, Income Tax Department,Saraf Chambers, Sadar, Nagpur.
24	RC.1(A)/2002-ACU-III	1. Sh. Madan Lal, Commissioner of Income Tax, Karnal
25	RC.2/2002-Hyd.	Sh. DSR Seshagiri Rao, ITO, Hyd.
26	RC.22/2002-Hyd.	Sh. Lakshma Reddy, Inspector, Central Excise, Sirsilla.
27	RC.26/2002-Hyd.	Smt. K. Mythili Rani, Commissioner (Appeal) Income Tax, Hyderabad.
28	RC.35/2002-Hyd.	1. K. Rangamamba, Supdt., Central Excise, Hyderabad & others
29	RC 31/02//ACB Mumbai	Shri A.C. Purwat, Supdt. Central Excise & Customs,Division - VII, Pune
30	RC.1/2000/EOW-II	1. Shri Manoj Sharma, Inspector, Customs. 2. Sh. A.K. Arora, Supdt. Customs. (arrested in 2002)

Year : 2003

Sl. No.	Case ID	Name & designation/deptt. of the officer arrested
1	RC.7/2003-DDN	1.Sh. Munna Lal Paul, the then LDC/ Receiver/Despatcher Salary Ward-I, O/o Commissioner Income Tax, Meerut.
2	RC 31/2003- ACB-KOL.	1.Shri S.K. Das, Superintendent, Barasat Customs.
3	RC06(A)/2003-VSP	1.Sri Subba Rao, Tax Recovery Officer, DCIT Office, Rajahmundry. Income Tax Department.
4	RC07(A)/2003-VSP	1.Sri S.Krishna Murthy, Income Tax Officer, Ward-II, Tirupathi. Income Tax Department. (Case Transferred to Hyderabad Branch)
5	RC10(A)/2003-VSP	1.Sri Y.Heera Singh, Inspector, Income Tax, Ward-II, Nellore. Income Tax Department.
6	RC12(A)/2003-VSP	1.Sri Md.Yusuf, Inspector, Central Excise, Eluru, West Godawari Dist.
7	RC14(A)/2003-VSP	1.Sri Rajesh Nagpal, IRS, Addittional Commissioner, Central Excise, Guntur. Central Excise Department.
8	RC19(A)/2003-VSP	1.Sri L.Pulla Rao, Inspector, Income Tax, O/o ITO, Tanuku, West Godawari Dist.

		Income Tax Department.
9 RC3/2003-JMU	1.Shri Sudershan Kumar, LDC, O/o	The Commissioner of Income Tax, Jammu (NGO)
10 RC. 26/2003-JAI	1.Sh. M.L. Dayma, Inspector, Central Excise	& Customs, Jaipur.
11 RC 7(A)/03-Pat	1.Shri Suman Jha, Peshkar, Income Tax Office, Biharsharif, Dist-Nalanda	
12 RC 12(A)/03-Pat	1.Shri Alok Kumar, Clerk, Income Tax, Ward	5(1), Lok Nayak Bhawan, Patna
13 RC.24/2003-ACB/DLI	1.Sh. H.A. Siddiqui, IRS, ACIT, Income Tax.	
14 RC.31/2003-ACB/DLI	1.Sh. Anurag Vardhan, IRS, Dy. Director	InternationalTaxation Income Tax Deptt.
15 RC.45/2003-ACB/DLI	1.Sh. Gian Chand, Office Supdt. Income Tax.	
16 RC.52/2003-ACB/DLI	Sh. J.D. Nagar, Dealing hand, Income Tax.	
17 RC.4/2003-BPL	Shri Vikas Oberai, Inspector, Central Excise Range, Gwalior.	
18 RC 6/2003-GDN.	Sh. Vimal Sah. Joint Commissioner of Income Tax, Ahmedabad.	
19 RC 11/2003-GDN.	Sh. G.M. Brahm Bhatt, Dy. Director	of Income Tax, Anand Unit, Gujrat. .
20 RC 14/2003- GDN.	1. Sh. G.M Solanki	2. Sh. B.A. Dave, BOTH I.T.Os.. Gandhinagar
21 RC.4/2003-Hyd.	1. Sh. Krishna Murthy, ITO, Ward(2), Trupati	
22 RC. 9/2003-Hyd.	1. Sh. S. Ramu, Addl. Director, of Income Tax, Unit-I, Mumbai.	
23 RC 19/03/ACB Mumbai	Shri Iqbal Hussain Dairkee, Inspector,	Central Excise, Mumbai - IV Commissionerate, Mumbai.
24 RC 20/03/ACB Mumbai	1) Shri K.G. Pote, ITO,	2) Shri P.R. Gonkar, LDC Ward 21(3)(1), C-11, Prtyakshakar Bhavan, Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai
25 RC 22/03//ACB Mumbai	1) Shri Mohan Ajwani, ITO	2) Shri V.D. Vasare, Tax Assistant 3) Smt. Meena Pahlajani, Tax Assistant. Income Tax, Ward 22(3)-1, Vashi, Navi Mumbai.
26 RC 24/03//ACB Mumbai	1) Shri S.A.Keer, Cashier	2) Shri M.S. Kamble, LDC 3) Shri B.T. Mudaliar, Driver Customs, Marine & Preventive Wing, Mumbai.
27 RC 35/03//ACB Mumbai	Shri A.S. Dawani,	Income Tax Inspector, Bandra Kurla Complex Mumbai.

Year : 2004

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1 RC 19/2004- ACB-KOL	(i) Shri Siddhartha Sankar Kar, Supdt. of	Central Excise, Tamluk, Purba Midnapur. (ii)Shri Anjan Chatterjee, Inspr. of Central Excise, Tamluk, Purba Midnapur.
2 RC 40/2004- ACB-KOL	Shri R.N. Mondal, Supdt. of Central Excise,	Tollygunge Divn., Kolkata.
3 RC 50/2004- ACB-KOL	(i) Shri Nirmal Pradhan, Inspr., Preventive	Unit, Customs, Gangtok. (ii)Shri Puran Lama, Supdt. of Customs, Preventive Unit, Customs, Gangtok.
4 RC01(A)/2004-VSP	1.Sri A.V.S.Sastry, Income Tax Officer,	Eluru. Income Tax Department.
5 RC04(A)/2004-VSP	1.Sri A.V.S.Sastry, Income Tax Officer,	Eluru. Income Tax Department.
6 RC10(A)/2004-VSP	1.Sri P.V.V.Sesha Rao, Inspector,	2.Sri Kondala Rao, Notice Server of Income Tax, Machilipatnam. Income Tax Department.
7 RC11(A)/2004-VSP	1.Sri B.Sri Krishna, Superintendent,	Central Excise, Brodipet, Guntur. Central Excise Department.
8 RC 28/A/2004-KER	K.V.Balachandran, Chemical Examiner,	Customs House, Cochin, Kerala
9 RC 29/A/2004-KER	Yohannankutty, Tax Assistant,	O/o the Addl.Commissioner of Income Tax, Kollam, Kerala
10 RC.1(A)/04(DNB)	1.Sri Swaran Singh, Asstt. Director (Inv.),	Income Tax, Dhanbad. 2.Sri Tinku Chourasia, R/o Housing Colony, Dhanbad.)
11 RC 2/2004- ACU- V/VI	1. Sh. T. Chakrapani, Supdt., Central	Excise,

		Divn. III, Gurgaon (Haryana,), 2. Sh. Ajit Sherawat, Inspr, Central Excise, Division-3, Gurgaon, Haryana 3.Ajay Naraian, Inspr, Central Excise, Division-3, Gurgaon, Haryana.
12	RC.7/2004-JAI	Smt. Sharda Nayal, Inspr. of Income Tax Deptt. Jaipur.
13	RC.04/2004-CHG	Sh. T.R. Sharma, ITO, Income Tax, Ludhiana
14	RC.31/2004-CHG	Sh. S.S. Sharma, ITO, Income Tax, Sangrur.
15	RC.5/2004-RAN	Sh. Srikant Pandey, Supdt. (Service Tax), Central Excise, Ranchi Division, Ranchi.
16	RC. 5/2004-ACB/DLI	Sh. Uma Shankar Dhyani, IRS, Dy. Dir. Income Tax (Inv.), Jhandewalan Extn., New Delhi.
17	RC. 12/2004-BPL	Sh. M.R. Warghat, Sr. Tax Asstt., Income Tax Office Bhopal.
18	RC 16/2004- GDN.	SH. RC VISADRAWALA, SUPDT., CENTRAL EXCISE, MAKARPURA, VADODARA
19	RC 18/2004 - GDN.	1. Sh. Amar Singh Meena, Supdt. Central Excise, Ahmedabad. 2. Sh. Satyanarya Asawa, Inspr. Central Excise, Ahmedabad.
20	RC 23/2004-GDN.	Sh. Umesh Kumar Goel, Joint Commissioner, Central Excise, Nasik.
21	RC.5/2004-Hyd.	Sri Satyanarayana, Supdt. Central Excise. Nizamabad.
22	RC 20/04/ACB Mumbai	1) Shri M.V. Patil, ITO 2) Shri Abdul Majeed Shaikh, Inspector Income Tax, Aayakar Bhawan, Mumbai.
23	RC 30/04/ACB Mumbai	Shri S.M Patel, Supdt. of Central Excise, Division F-II, Range - I, Mumbai.
24	RC 25/04/ACB Mumbai	1) Smt. Kirti Singh, Sr. Tax Assistant 2) Shri Rajesh Singh, Tax Assistant. Customs, Mumbai.
25	RC 36/04/ACB Mumbai	Shri P.K. Ajwani, Commissioner of Central Excise, Thane - II Commisisonerate, Thane.
26	RC 38/04/ACB Mumbai	Shri Sanjay Kalra, Appraiser, Customs JNPT, Navi Mumbai.
27	RC 44/04/ACB Mumbai	1) Shri P.K. Ajwani, Commissioner, 2) Shri D.R. Chaturvedi, Supdt. Central Excise, Thane - II Commissionerate,Thane.

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1	RC 07/2005-ACB - KOL	(1) Shri B. Sarkar, Supdt. of Central Excise, Preventive, Bamboovilla, Kolkata. (2) Shri P. Roychowdhury, Supdt. of Central Excise, Preventive, Bamboovilla, Kolkata.
2	RC 05(A)/2005-VSP	1.Sri B.Gandhi, Inspector, Income Tax, Range-IV, M.V.P. Colony, Visakhapatnam. Income Tax Department.
3	RC.04/2005-CHG	Sh. R.K. Arora, ITO, Income Tax,Ludhiana.
4	RC.05/2005-CHG	Sh. Y.K. Saxena, ACIT, Income Tax, Ludhiana.
5	RC.1/2005-Hyd.	Shri P. Anantaramlu Asstt. Commissioner, Income Tax, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad.